

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: AYN RAND



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director FBI
Atlanta: FBI Laboratory
FBI, Los Angeles

DATE: August 31, 1948

SUBJECT

EXTORTION AND SECURITY MATTER - C

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On August 18, 1948, ANN RAND, a well-known novelist and author of the best seller "The Fountainhead," who lives at 10,000 Tampa Street, Chatsworth, California, was interviewed on another matter at Warner Brothers motion picture studios in Hollywood, California, where Miss RAND's novel mentioned above is currently being produced.

Miss RAND received international publicity when she testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings dealing with Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry which were held in Washington, D. C. in October 1947. Miss RAND received additional similar publicity when she was awarded an American Legion citation of honor during the early part of 1948 in Hollywood. She is of the opinion that the letter described below and enclosed herewith may have been prompted by this publicity.

It was explained by Miss RAND that she did not think too much of the matter at the time she received the letter, which was in January of this year, and therefore did not report it to any authorities. She felt, however, that even though the letter did not constitute extortion as such and appeared to be more of an appeal for aid, it was rather odd and may have been more than that, i.e., an attempt to secure more information about her.

The fact that the letter was addressed to her at "Studio Sam Wood" is significant, inasmuch as SAM WOOD, a well-known Hollywood producer-director, likewise received publicity similar to that of Miss RAND, as an anti-Communist witness.

The letter in question was written in French and consisted of one page handwritten in ink on one side and postmarked "Jan. 16, 12 PM 1948 Montreal P.Q." A translation of this letter made by [redacted] of the Los Angeles Division, is as follows:

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August 21, 1948

Re :

"St. Lin (or Liu), Quebec, Canada
January 6, '48

"I am asking you for a loan or a deposit in my name. Please answer immediately. ~~that~~ the deposit at the bank of Canada in the name of [REDACTED] St. Lin. Que., Canada.

"Please communicate with me either by telegram or send a money order. I am waiting for your help. Find me some work in your country.

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 Mr. Casper ☒
 Mr. Callahan ☒
 Mr. Conrad ☒
 Mr. Felt ☒
 Mr. Gale ☒
 Mr. Rosen ☒
 Mr. Sullivan ☒
 Mr. Tavel ☒
 Mr. Trotter ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Miss Holmes ☒
 Miss Gandy ☒

LAWYER

August 30, 1967

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, DC

Dear Mr Hoover:

I represent philosopher-novelist Ayn Rand in matters involving the protection of her name, her intellectual property and the integrity of her ideas.

One such matter is an incident allegedly involving the F.B.I. in Kansas, which recently came to my attention.

According to a [redacted] of the Olathe Public Library in Olathe, Kansas, about eighteen months ago the F.B.I. asked for and received from his library a list of people who have read Atlas Shrugged, a novel written by Miss Rand. [redacted] received information that the F.B.I. had even more recently checked the Gardner Library for the same purpose. Further, the Olathe Daily News, which reported the incident, apparently was told by the local F.B.I. office that the incident never took place.

Such an inquiry about the readers of Miss Rand's books -- if conducted by the F.B.I. -- is derogatory on its face because it puts Miss Rand in the category of a suspect person, perhaps a political subversive. On the other hand, if someone is impersonating the F.B.I., I am sure you would regard it in your interests -- as well as Miss Rand's -- to investigate the incident.

I would appreciate hearing from your office as soon as possible in the hopes that you can shed some light on this matter.

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Sincerely,

15 SEP 13 1967

Let to [redacted]
 from Director
 9-8-67

ICC made an
 sent KC 9-8-67

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EXP. PROC.

September 8, 1967

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Dear [REDACTED]

With regard to the subject matter of your letter of August 30, 1967, our Kansas City Office advises no record of such investigation could be located.

I am consequently referring this matter to our Kansas City Office for investigation under the Impersonation Statute. If you have any further questions concerning this matter, you should feel free to contact our Special Agent in Charge, 707 United States Courthouse Building, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

I appreciate your bringing this situation to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SEP 8 1967

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1 - Kansas City (Enclosure)

NOTE SAC, KANSAS CITY: Enclosed for Kansas City is copy of a letter from [REDACTED] dated August 30, 1967. You should conduct investigation to determine whether there has been a violation of the Impersonation Statute.

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NOTE:

b7c [REDACTED] who states he represents novelist Ayn Rand, advises that about 18 months ago the FBI obtained from a library in Olathe, Kansas, a list of people who have read Atlas Shrugged and more recently obtained a similar list from another library. Telephonic contact with the Kansas City Office, SAC Dissly, advises no record. Consequently, the above letter is being sent to [REDACTED] and SAC, Kansas City is being instructed to open an impersonation case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/20/67

FROM :

SAC, KANSAS CITY (47-4917)

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SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Alleged Impersonation
of FBI Agents:

COMPLAINANT

IMPERSONATION

OO: KC

Reference is made to the captioned complainant's letter to the Director, dated August 30, 1967 and the Director's response to him, dated September 8, 1967.

The Bureau furnished a copy of each of the referenced letters to Kansas City with instructions to conduct investigation to determine whether or not there has been a violation of the Impersonation Statute.

In substance, [redacted] complained in his letter to the Bureau that an investigation had apparently been conducted at Olathe and Gardner, Kansas, relative to a book, entitled Atlas Shrugged, written by his client, AYN RAND. He suggested that such investigation places Miss RAND in the category of a "suspect person" or a "political subversive". He alleged that information received by him is that the investigation in this instance was conducted by the FBI. He further suggested that if it was not the FBI who conducted the investigation there then may be an Impersonation matter requiring our attention.

In response, the Bureau informed [redacted] that there is no record of such an investigation having been conducted by the FBI by the Kansas City Office.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City has revealed the following facts:

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1 - Kansas City

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In view of the above, Kansas City is conducting no further investigation regarding the alleged Impersonation.

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[REDACTED] is being separately advised that he should direct his inquiry to NIS and the NIS, Chicago is being made aware of [REDACTED] complaint, also by separate letter. Copies of the pertinent letters in this regard are enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

707 United States Court House
Kansas City, Missouri - 64106

September 20, 1967

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[REDACTED]

Complaint

Dear [REDACTED]

Please refer to your letter, dated August 30, 1967, to J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and his response to you, dated September 8, 1967.

With regard to the subject matter of your letter of August 30, 1967, referenced above, I wish to confirm that no such investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have determined, however, that such an inquiry was, in fact, conducted by the United States Naval Investigative Service in the latter part of 1965.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter of August 30, 1967, to the Naval Investigative Service for whatever action may be deemed appropriate by that agency.

I suggest to you that in the event you have any further inquiry in this regard, you should direct such inquiry to the Commanding Officer, Naval Investigative Service, Room 900, U. S. Customs House, 610 S. Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Addressee
- ① - Bureau
- 1 - Kansas City (47-4917)

[REDACTED]

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KARL W. DISSLY
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

707 United States Court House
Kansas City, Missouri - 64106
September 20, 1967

U. S. Naval Investigative Service Office
Ninth Naval District
Room 900, U. S. Customs House
610 South Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607

RE: [REDACTED]

Referred

Dear Sir:

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Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a letter, dated August 30, 1967, from Attorney [REDACTED] of New York City to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have determined that the subject matter of [REDACTED] letter does not involve a matter handled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but does, in fact, concern an investigation conducted by your Resident Agency at Kansas City, Missouri, in late 1965, captioned as above.

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[REDACTED] has been appropriately advised in this regard and, [REDACTED]

Referred

This matter is being referred to you for whatever action you may deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

KARL W. DISSLY
Special Agent in Charge

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2 - Addressee
① - Bureau
1 - Kansas City (47-4917)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: "PLAIN TALK"
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Bureau file - 94-36511

DATE: November 8, 1947

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Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau is the November 1947 issue of "PLAIN TALK".

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A World of Freedom—America's Best Defense

PLAIN TALK

VOL. II, No. 2

ISAAC DON LEVINE Editor
MABEL TRAVIS WOOD . . . Managing Editor
Contributing Editors
EUGENE LYONS SUZANNE LA FOLLETTE
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

NOVEMBER, 1947

A Word to You

ALYN RAND, author of "The Fountainhead," the novel which has done more to exalt the dignity of the individual in our collectivist era than any other creative work, was born in Russia . . . her *Screen Guide for Americans* reveals an almost uncanny grasp of the totalitarian propaganda technique . . . she encountered it early in her life, as her childhood was spent in the crucible of the Bolshevik Revolution. . . "I decided to be a writer at the age of nine—it was a specific, conscious decision—I remember the day and the hour," she writes . . . "I left home when I was quite young and have been on my own ever since. . . I have been asked why I chose to present a philosophy of ethics in fiction form. I am interested in philosophical principles only as they affect the actual existence of men; and in men, only as they reflect philosophical principles. An abstract theory that has no relation to reality is worse than nonsense; and men who act without relation to principles are less than animals."

HOMER MARTIN, son of an Illinois schoolteacher . . . became interested in the lot of automobile workers as a young Baptist minister in Leeds, a suburb of Kansas City . . . pioneered the organization of the United Automobile Workers, of which he became the first president . . . withdrew from the trade union movement under Communist pressure * * * OTON GROZDIC (*I Was Tito's Courier*) is a former officer of Tito's Partisan Army who recently escaped to London * * * MAJOR BORISLAV TODOROVICH, who escaped from a Nazi concentration camp after resisting the German seizure of Yugoslavia, trained as an airman in London and was parachuted into Mihailovich territory . . . served as intelligence liaison officer between the Allies and the Mihailovich headquarters . . . because of his exceptional sources of information, Major Todorovich's report on *Revolt in Yugoslavia* merits the utmost confidence * * * Equally illuminating is the report on *Resistance in the Ukraine*, by WALTER DUSHNYCK, himself of Ukrainian origin, frequent contributor to "America," Catholic Review . . . served as Russian interpreter at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Japan during the final stages of the war * * * GERALDINE FITCH (*Christian Martyrs in Korea*), one of the best-known students of China where she had spent some 30 years, and now in Korea, is author of the popular pamphlet, "Blunder Out of China," debunking the White-Jacoby "Thunder Out of China" * * * JAN VALTIN, of "Out of the Night" fame, who fought with distinction as an American soldier in the Philippines and is now an American citizen, possesses an unrivaled knowledge of the inner workings of the Comintern underground. * * * To bring you the timely *Screen Guide*, we have omitted *A Bookman's Horizon* from this issue * * * Confidentially, Vishinsky's poem was ghosted!

THE EDITOR

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: 10-24-47

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Ann Rand
Information ConcerningFOIPA 230629
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There is no information of value in our files concerning this individual.

Miss Rand is the author of the book "The Fountainhead." This book is the dramatic story of three men and one woman told against the backdrop of New York's architectural sky line. It is a love story revolving around a young architect and his ego. The book was published in 1943 and received enthusiastic support in literary circles as well as with the general public.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

Los Angeles, California
October 17, 1947

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE MOTION
PICTURE INDUSTRY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

See Room

Dear Sir:

It has come to the attention of this office that some of the individuals within the motion picture industry who are to be subpoenaed to Washington as witnesses in the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing later this month desire to meet the Director, if possible, and to take a tour of the Bureau. They may call you while in Washington.

RAND is a novelist who is known internationally, her best known novels being "The Fountainhead" and "We the Living." She is of Russian extraction and birth but is now a citizen of this country.

RAND published a booklet which was designed for furnishing information concerning the type of Communist propaganda used in motion pictures. This booklet was distributed to producers and publishers. It is her intention to testify before the House Committee regarding the contents of this booklet.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
R. B. HOOD, SAC

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Nightshirt Fringe Applauds Ayn Rand's 10-Year-Old Book

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Ayn Rand, film reviewer to the House Un-American Activities Committee, is no stranger to America's nightshirt fringe. Friends of Democracy disclosed today that she is the author of a 98-page "novel" called *Anthem*, currently distributed by purveyors of hate literature although there isn't an anti-Semitic line in it.

Andrew B. McAllister, who operates as the Pro-American Information Bureau, peddling *The Protocols of Zion*, the works of Elizabeth Dilling and comparable items through a post office box at Hinkley, Ill., has been pushing *Anthem*.

Discount on

Big Sales

"A Novel of the future and our book of the month—one dollar per copy" proclaimed McAllister, in a Spring bulletin which offered a 10 per cent discount on purchases of \$10 worth or more from his stock in trade.

Anthem itself is more dull than

anything else. It attempts to tell the story of a "rebel" in some future century when collectivism has remodeled society to the point where each individual has a number rather than a name, the singular pronoun is forbidden, the individual's life is laid out by edict at birth and coition is banned except on assignment and then not more than once a year.

The preface relates that the thing was written in England by Russian-born Miss Rand in 1937 when she couldn't get it published. Chatting with friends in Hollywood, one suggested that a book ought to be written "showing the ultimate consequences of the collectivist doctrine" and there was Miss Rand with the book all written.

An outfit called Pamphleteers, Inc., of Los Angeles, put *Anthem* into print and undertook distribution to such sympathetic purveyors as McAllister who bought advertising space in Court Asher's anti-Semitic *X-Ray* to proclaim that this

was the book that "all Christian-Americans should read."

Pamphleteers, Inc., previously had published *Give Me Liberty* by Rose Wilder Lane who is editor of the *Economic Council Review of Books*, published monthly by Merwin K. Hart's National Economic Council, Inc.

'Unique Work'

Miss Lane hailed *Anthem* as a "remarkable book . . . a unique work," commending her readers to Miss Rand's "pieces in *The Vigil*, organ of the Motion Picture Alliance now fighting the Communist International in Hollywood . . . the incomparably best writing obtainable on human rights."

Anyway, it was Miss Rand who testified in Washington that she reviewed *Song of Russia* for the Un-American Activities Committee and said it "made me sick." She was scheduled to give additional testimony today.

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Forest is the fact that the characters are credible as animals while the reader him- self almost unconsciously does the job of transferring their thoughts and words into the minds and mouths of men.

Unschooling Froze. It is equally remarkable to see such pure prose from a young (26) woman who never got beyond primary school. Normandy-born Madeleine Couppé was born in poverty, became a housemaid in her early teens. At 16 she was washing cars in a Paris garage.

When the Germans came, she fled to a small village where she wrote *Rumor in the Forest*, returned to Paris in 1941 and worked in the Resistance movement until she was captured.

Miss Couppé's only other book is *Glenn's Poor Moi*, a volume of quiet, unaffected verse. *Rumor in the Forest's* calm, allegorical reaffirmation of Christianity is all the more effective because of the horror of the times.

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Dear

I have received your letter dated November 5, 1961, with its enclosure, and your interest in furnishing this information and affording me the benefit of your observations is indeed appreciated.

It is not possible for me to advise you of the results of any inquiry which this Bureau may conduct. A regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of such information to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

There are enclosed several items of literature available for distribution by the FBI concerning the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Callahan _____
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Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Ingram _____
Gandy _____

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. The enclosure to correspondent's letter was a copy of a letter he has written to the "Saturday Evening Post" objecting to an article in that magazine concerning Ayn Rand.

The article mentioned by correspondent concerning Ayn Rand which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" has been reviewed and does not appear to be communist propaganda. The article indicates she is an atheist and discusses her cult of objectivism based upon her theory that "Money is the root of all good."

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. "The Communist Party Line"
2. "The Deadly Contest"
3. "Faith in God -- Our Answer To Communism"
4. Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61.

November 5, 1961

Editor
Saturday Evening Post
Curtis Publishing Company
Independence Square
Philadelphia 5, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Just recently I've become sensitive to what is called, "logic tight compartments"; Miss Rand's Objectivism is one such.

In attempting to object to her "militant atheism" on grounds of faith, the attacker would find himself on shaky logical ground because faith is founded on subjective phenomena assumed to be valid on an individual but not on any universal or even communicable basis. Faith in this respect is abstract, and attempting to dislodge the concrete with the abstract proves quite difficult, so I've decided to attack on altogether different bases.

(1) Miss Rand's extrovertive espousal of arch-capitalism evidenced by her statement, "Money is the root of all good.", seems to place her in a definite anti-communist position - or so she would have us believe. To further color her stand in this wise she comments of Bolshevism, "I knew it was evil", and complains of "having a thin time of it because the communist influence there (Hollywood) was too strong." These phrases paint a seemingly positive background against which we find her central idea - that of Objectivism.

(2) "Whatever exists exists independent of any perceiver; man can perceive and understand reality, but only through reason - intuition, emotion, faith have no validity as paths to knowledge." From the article I find that Atlas Shrugged combines Ideas 1 and 2 in such overwhelming complexity that an extremely intelligent reader would be sorely vexed in attempting even a cursory analytical critique.

If an individual accepts this block of hardened logic in the form of ideas 1 plus 2 he takes a side with capitalism (he thinks) and admits to himself that all reality is external or objective. Now so far this doesn't seem too bad, but let's analyze what happens if we disagree.

(a) To disagree with the idea, "Money is the root of all good." makes a sensitive, self conscious person think that he is anti-capitalism or even just slightly pink, especially if money is to be equated with or accepted to be the symbol of capitalism.

(b) To disagree with the idea that man can perceive reality causes an individual to doubt; he questions his own values and becomes insecure about his own mental ability.

In other words - if you do not accept the tenets of the doctrine you begin to have serious trouble with your mental attitudes and thinking. This should be the first clue to you that there is something inherently wrong with it.

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Now, let's clarify this dubious philosophy.

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Point 1:

Money is a medium of exchange; it is crystallized services or goods. Its use simplifies trade and relieves man of the burden of the bulky barter system by creating a value which is universally recognized and is easier to transport by virtue of its smaller mass. At the present level of development of industrial civilization in the world money is a necessity. It is not, repeat not to be understood as a symbol for anything.

Point 2:

Perception is a thought process; thoughts are subjective and internal not objective and external. If you define your reality as being only that which you perceive through your senses then you are denying your own internal existence and denying the existence of thought because thought is not perceived it is subjectively understood. All of your perceptions are internal and subjective and your thoughts about these things constitute your reality.

Miss Rand's Objectivism is an excellent example of classical doubletalk. It cannot be accepted in whole or in part without very troublesome mental inconsistencies for a free thinking individual because it is against the grain of free human nature.

Mr. Karl Marx, history's greatest professional sorehead, complained until he composed a dirge similar in many respects to Rand's double symphony. Her verbal harmony seems to sell well, but if you buy her records and listen because you think you need it you'll soon be dancing to her tune. Her projection is a penetrating prose and she is quite obviously well disciplined - these things interest those who are in need of strong leadership (this applies largely to the young) and stimuli (this applies to almost everyone). If Miss Rand's rational self-interest can cause you to believe intellectually that all reality is external and perceived then denial of your non-perceivable self will be quite logical. The step from this to that of being a completely altruistic, thought slave, worker of the "people's republic" with complete denial of individuality is an easy one.

If Miss Rand is not a communist as she says she is not, then she has been led down the rosy path and is guilty of very incomplete thinking, because a careful reader can see the suds still clinging to the brain.

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Freedom is the right of the individual to react to his perceptions without being restricted to a particular view or a particular reaction.

Physical freedom is impossible without mental freedom.

Objectivism and communism are both mental and physical slavery because they restrict the individual to a particular view.

My regards to Mr. Kobler for a clear and understandable article. I'm quite elated that I didn't find Rand in your "people on their way up" department.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I've sent copies to the P.B.I. and my congressman - they should read this also.

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January 8, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the article "Hoover of the FBI," in the September 25, 1965 issue of The Saturday Evening Post, there appears the sentence (page 32): "Hoover disavows the ultraconservative political label, terms himself an 'objectivist,' etc..."

I would like very much to know whether you meant that you agree with my philosophy of Objectivism - or whether you used that term in some different meaning. Forgive me for attaching any sort of even provisional credence to that article, which I regard as extremely unfair, in a magazine for which I have no respect at all. I would like to know the truth for obvious reasons - since an Objectivist such as yourself would be more than welcome.

Regardless of your answer, that is, without presuming that that statement is necessarily true, I should like very much to meet you - to discuss a personal-political problem. If you find it possible to give me an appointment, I would come to Washington at any time at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Ayn Rand

Ayn Rand

ENCLOSURE

I have never said
was an "objectivist"
whatever that is.

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Recently the FBI has been keeping a close eye on the ultraright Minutemen. Although Hoover is a towering hero to much of the right, the founder of the Minutemen, Robert DePugh, flatly refused to furnish the FBI with a list of his membership. "It could serve as an assassination list for the Communists when they take over," says DePugh, who believes that the "take-over" is inevitable, Hoover or no Hoover. Despite the tendency of many liberals to lump Hoover with his far-right admirers, Hoover disavows the ultraconservative political label, terms himself an "objectivist," and has publicly declared that he "has no respect" for the extremist notions of Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. "I know Mr. Hoover says that about Mr. Welch," says Birch public-relations director John Rousselot sadly. "But *we* still have high regard for him and the FBI."

Excerpt from the article "Hoover of the FBI,"
9-25-65 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post."

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Miss Ayn Rand
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Dear Miss Rand:

I received your letter of January 8th and want to thank you for the interest in writing.

I have never stated that I am an objectivist; however, I have always made every effort to maintain an impartial, balanced perspective and judge matters in the light of the facts rather than preconceived notions.

With respect to your request, I regret that the pressure of my official schedule precludes my making an appointment to see you. If you wish to speak to one of my Assistants when you are in Washington, please feel free to communicate with Assistant Director Robert E. Wick, either by letter addressed to him directly here at FBI Headquarters, Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20535, or telephonically at EXecutive 3-7100, extension 691. He will be glad to render whatever assistance he can. If I am in my office at the time of your visit, you may be sure it will be a pleasure to talk to you.

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - New York - Enclosure

1 - [redacted] - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)

1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)

1 - [redacted] Enclosure (sent with cover memo)

1 - Tour Room - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)

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NOTE: See D. C. Morrell to Mr. Wick memorandum dated 1-13-66 captioned "Request to Meet the Director, Ayn Rand, New York, New York."

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TO : Mr. Wick *Wick*

DATE: 1-13-66

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MEET THE DIRECTOR
AYN RAND
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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By letter dated January 8th to the Director, captioned individual referred to the September 7, 1965, issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" wherein the article on the Director contains the statement to the effect that he terms himself an "objectivist."

(Captioned individual requests to be informed whether the Director meant that he agrees with her philosophy of Objectivism or whether he used the term in a different meaning. She states that she would like to know since an Objectivist such as the Director would be more than welcome. The Director has noted "I have never said I was an "objectivist" whatever that is. H")

Captioned individual states that she would like to meet the Director to discuss a personal political problem and that she would come to Washington at any time at the Director's convenience, if he would give her an appointment.

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Captioned individual is a well-known writer and lecturer and her books include such publications as "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged." The publication "Who's Who of American Women" describes her as an exponent of the philosophy objectivism. She was born in Russia in 1905 and attended private schools including the University of Leningrad.

Enclosure *sent 1-14-66*

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1 - [REDACTED] Enclosures
1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosures
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Morrell to Wick memo

**RE: REQUEST TO MEET THE DIRECTOR
AYN RAND
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

In 1947, captioned individual testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding communist infiltration of the motion picture industry. She is self-admittedly an anti-communist.

b7c In 1957, [REDACTED] sent the Director a copy of Ayn Rand's book "Atlas Shrugged"

Bufiles contain no information on the philosophy of objectivism other than references to individuals who subscribe to the "Objectivist Newsletter" by Ayn Rand.

As indicated in the attached excerpt from "The Saturday Evening Post" article to which captioned individual refers, it is noted that it does contain the statement that the Director terms himself an "objectivist." It is felt, however, that in this instance it means that the Director maintains an open-minded outlook uncolored by any preconceived conclusions.

It is not felt that the Director would want to take time from his busy schedule to see captioned individual, and she will be advised that the Director's commitments preclude his making an appointment. She will also be advised that, if she desires to come to FBI Headquarters to speak to one of the Director's Assistants, to contact you (Mr. Wick). She will also be advised that the Director has never stated that he is an "objectivist" but has always tried to maintain a balanced perspective uncolored by preconceived notions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Director not take time from his busy schedule to see captioned individual.

(2) That the attached letter go forward expressing the Director's regrets and advising her to contact you (Mr. Wick) if she desires to come to FBI Headquarters.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 13, 1970

The attached copy of the paperback book "For the New Intellectual" by Ayn Rand is inscribed to the Director as follows:

"To J. E. Hoover
from [redacted]"

There was no return address on the envelope and the postmark is not clear.

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*BUfiles. No ack
since address was
not furnished*

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